

The CHAIRMAN. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from California?

There was no objection.

The CHAIRMAN. Are there any amendments?

If not, the Clerk will read the last two lines of the bill.

The Clerk read as follows:

This Act may be cited as the "Military Construction Appropriations Act, 1999".

The CHAIRMAN. If there are no further amendments, pursuant to the rule, the Committee rises.

Accordingly, the Committee rose; and the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. BEREUTER) having assumed the chair, Mr. PEASE, Chairman of the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union, reported that that Committee, having had under consideration the bill (H.R. 4059) making appropriations for military construction, family housing, and base realignment and closure for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999, and for other purposes, pursuant to House Resolution 477, he reported the bill back to the House.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the rule, the previous question is ordered.

The question is on the engrossment and third reading of the bill.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, and was read the third time.

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The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. BEREUTER). The question is on the passage of the bill.

Pursuant to clause 7 of rule XV, the yeas and nays are ordered.

Pursuant to clause 5 of rule I, further proceedings are postponed until later today.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. PACKARD. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks on the bill (H.R. 4059) making appropriations for military construction, family housing, and base realignment and closure for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999, and for other purposes, and that I may include tabular and extraneous material.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from California?

There was no objection.

REPORT ON H.R. 4103, DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 1999

Mr. LIVINGSTON, from the Committee on Appropriations, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 105-591) on the bill (H.R. 4103) making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30,

1999, and for other purposes, which was referred to the Union Calendar and ordered to be printed.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. All points of order are reserved on the bill.

REPORT ON H.R. 4104, TREASURY DEPARTMENT, UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE, EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT AND INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATION ACT, 1999

Mr. LIVINGSTON, from the Committee on Appropriations, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 105-592) on the bill (H.R. 4104) making appropriations for the Treasury Department, the United States Postal Service, the Executive Office of the President, and certain Independent Agencies, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999, and for other purposes, which was referred to the Union Calendar and ordered to be printed.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. All points of order are reserved on the bill.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. MCDADE. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks on the bill, H.R. 4060, making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999, and for other purposes, and that I be permitted to include tabular and extraneous material.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Pennsylvania?

There was no objection.

ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 1999

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 478 and rule XXIII, the Chair declares the House in the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union for consideration of the bill, H.R. 4060.

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Accordingly, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union for the consideration of the bill (H.R. 4060) making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999, and for other purposes, with Mr. BARRETT of Nebraska in the chair.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The CHAIRMAN. Pursuant to the rule, the bill is considered as having been read the first time.

Under the rule, the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. MCDADE) and the gentleman from Texas (Mr. EDWARDS) each will control 30 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. MCDADE).

Mr. MCDADE. Mr. Chairman, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

I rise in support of the energy and water bill making appropriations for fiscal year 1999. I want to point out to my colleagues that this bill was reported about a week ago unanimously by the Committee on Appropriations, and just about a week before that it was also reported unanimously by our subcommittee.

We in the subcommittee had a tremendous challenge this year, a tough bill, difficult to work, primarily because we had a budget that was inadequate.

I do not believe there was a scintilla of doubt among the membership that when we saw the budget for the Corps of Engineers particularly we knew that we could not execute it. But the Members hunkered down, on both sides of the aisle, and re-wrote this bill, Mr. Chairman, from the bottom up. We reordered priorities, we focused resources on areas of investment promising the greatest returns, we demanded greater efficiencies, and produced a bill that in my view is both fiscally responsive and protective of so many interests within the jurisdiction of the Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development.

Total spending on the bill is \$20.65 billion. That represents a reduction of \$80 million from fiscal year 1998 and \$649 million below the budget request. Of the total amount, \$11.8 billion, just about 60 percent of every penny spent in this bill, is for the atomic energy defense activities of the Department of Energy. The remaining \$8.7 billion is for domestic programs, and it represents a decrease of \$473 million from the current fiscal year and \$284 million from the budget request.

Mr. Chairman, I just want to point out to my colleagues in the House that in reordering those priorities that we talked about, we looked at highly significant projects that we could complete in an efficient and effective way. My colleagues will see this bill unanimously appropriating \$63 million for the Los Angeles harbor project, and \$60 million for the Houston-Galveston navigation project, and \$60 million for the L.A. County drainage area project, where human lives are at stake and where people of lower incomes have been forced to pay ever-rising insurance costs to try to stay in their homes.

We have completed a work that represents a togetherness on the subcommittee and on the full committee, and that respects the necessary programs to keep this Nation strong. There is, as far as I know, and I think I can speak with authority, no dissent from any member of the committee on this bill. I hope that all Members will support this bill.

Mr. Chairman: I rise in support of the Energy and Water Development Appropriations Bill for fiscal year 1999. The bill was reported without dissent by the Committee on Appropriations last Tuesday, June 16.